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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An apparatus and system are provided for simultaneously
analyzing a plurality of analytes anchored to microparticles.
Microparticles each having a uniform population of a single
kind of analyte attached are disposed as a substantially
immobilized planar array inside of a flow chamber where
steps of an analytical process are carried out by delivering a
sequence of processing reagents to the microparticles by a
fluidic system under microprocessor control. In response to
such process steps, an optical signal is generated at the
surface of each microparticle which is characteristic of the
interaction between the analyte carried by the microparticle
and the delivered processing reagent. The plurality of ana-
lytes are simultaneously analyzed by collecting and record-
ing images of the optical signals generated by all the
microparticles in the planar array. A key feature of the
invention is the correlation of the sequence of optical signals
generated by each microparticle in the planar array during
the analytical process.

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